

munications must be in writing. The most valuable papers consist of annual reports, which are sent to the members in turn, and are finally preserved by the general secretary. During the past years excellent work has been done by members of this Chapter, and an invitation is extended to working conchologists to apply to the secretary for membership.

The President of the Chapter is Prof. Josiah Keep, of Mills College, Cal., and the Secretary is Mrs. M. Burton Williamson, University P. O., Los Angeles Co., California.

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MELONGENA CORONA Gmel.

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BY FRANK A. WHITE, GEORGIANA, FLORIDA.

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For many years I have seen these shells and have been sure that they were from a living mollusk, but until March 20, 1894 had never seen one alive.

On that day I went from Georgiana to Oceanus and as the river was very boisterous I went by way of the Thousand Islands. When about half a mile from my destination we all went ashore for a few minutes and there in the shoal, still water, were several pairs of *Melongena corona* apparently in the act of copulation. I very much desire to visit the station again when I have more time at my command and secure more of the shells and observe more closely their actions.

Structural and Systematic Conchology in the description says "operculum solid" but does not give material. It is horny and not very thick.

There is some variation in the living shells some having varices near anterior end of aperture, others smooth. Some time ago I found a broken shell much larger than any recent shell I have seen. The spire and part of the body whorl were gone but the aperture was intact and measured 3 inches in length including the callus of posterior canal. This seems to indicate that in "prehistoric times" these mollusks attained a much greater size than at the present time.

I neglected to say in the proper place that the living shells were in the Banana river in brackish water.

NOTES AND NEWS.

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MR. EDWARD W. ROPER has returned from a two months trip to Jamaica. He reports a good time and considerable collecting.

PURPURA SAXICOLA VAL.—A large suite of this species recently presented to the collection of the American Association of Conchologists by MR. WILLIARD M. WOOD, shows an extraordinary amount of variation. Some very large examples are represented, the largest measuring 34 mm. alt. Others show variations from smooth to strongly corded. In color they vary from livid-white or gray; white to bright orange and to black, some being spirally banded with brown in the intervals between the white spiral riblets. The entire lot was collected in San Francisco County, Cal.

MR. FREDERICK STEARNS of Detroit, is in Philadelphia, working upon the literature of Japanese mollusks.

A. B. KENDIG, D. D., has removed from East Orange, N. J., to 2190 Seventh Ave., New York City.

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OBITUARY.

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MRS. D. L. GARLICK expired suddenly March 16, 1894, in San Francisco. She was spending the winter in Alameda, as the guest of her sister, Mrs. Gaylord, 2116 Central Avenue, and the two ladies went out to the Cliff House and vicinity yesterday to spend the day collecting shells.

They climbed a precipitous height near Land's End station on the line of the Ferries and Cliff House Railroad, and when she reached a little station on the road, they sat down for a rest. Suddenly Mrs. Garlick fell forward and dropped on the floor. Upon trying to raise her up, Mrs. Gaylord was horrified to see that her sister was dead.

Weakness of the heart, aggravated by over exertion, is attributed as the cause of death.

The home of the deceased was at St. Paul, Minn., and she made it a practice for many years to spend the winters in California, either in Alameda or San Diego. She had been interested in the collection of shells for some years.